of coastal areas have suggested in the draft recommendations setting up of model ecology parks in the coastal areas and also recommended that each coastal region should have a coastal development authority to implement the regional plan. However, details etc. have not been given in their draft recommendations. The recommendations have also not been received in this Ministry.

(e) Ministry of Environment & Forests have issued a notification regulating construction activities within 500 metres of the High Tide line (HTL) in the coastal areas of the country.

(f) The suggestions of the Institute of Town Planners which received would be forwarded to the concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administration for consideration in conformity with the Ministry of Environment & Forests' notification and prevailing State, Town & Country Planning Acts.

शहरी विकास योजनाओं के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को वित्तीय सहायता दिया जाना

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(क) 1992–93 के चालू वर्ष के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने शहरी विकास योजनाओं हेतु कितनी राशि की मांग की थी ;

(ख) उसमें से अब तक मंजूर की गई राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है और उक्त राशि किन-किन क्षेत्रों में विकास कार्य के लिए, खर्च की गई/किए जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) शेष परियोजनाओं को कब तक मंजूर किए जाने की संभावना है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री पी०के० थुंगन) : (क) छोटे तथा मध्यम दर्जे के नगरों की एकीकृत विकास स्कीम के अंतर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश शासन ने चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान केन्द्रीय सहायता के लिए कोई परियोजना प्रस्ताव अभी तक प्रस्तुत नहीं किया है।

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Allotment of General Pool Accommodation

1498. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in Pioneer of February 18, 1993 under the caption "discretionary allotment of Government houses".

(b) if so, the number of Government employees who have been allotted accommodation in Types in, *TV* and V so far during the year 1992-93 under the discretionary quota;

(c) on what consideration these allotments have been made other than seniority basis;

(d) whether it is a fact that a number of allotment letters issued to the Government employees during the year 1993 have been kept in abeyance and possession have not been given to them and if so, what is the number and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the percentage of discretionary quota as compared to normal allotment in General Pool?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K-THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the period from 1st Ja-nuary; 92 to 28th February; 1993; 565 ad-hoc allotment have been made in Type-III, 300 in Type IV and 133 in Type V.

(c) Ad-hoc allotments in relaxation of the rules are made to the following categories of Government employees:

(1) the wards of retired deceased employees.

(ii) the personal staff of Minis ters, Judges of Supreme Court, Members of Planning Commission etc.

(iii) the key personnel in the PM's office, and

(iv) on medical grounds such as TB Cancer and heart troublr and physically handicapped.

In addition, in cases where the prescribed yardsticks are not fully met, the competent authority can sanction ad-hoc allotments on compassionate grounds.

(d) No case ic held in abeyance However some sanctions have bren reprioritise because out of turn allotments are made in thr ratio of 1:4 only. There is a time period between issue of a sanction order for an out-of-tum allotment and the actual allotment.

(e) The out-of-tum allotment under the discretionary quota as compared to the interim allotment is 28 per cent.

Priority to Housing and Urban Development

1499 SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are conffl-dering the need for according highest priority to housing and urban development:

(b) if so, what is the pace of increase in urban population;

(c) whether the problems of health, sewerage and drinking water in urban areas have increased; and

(d) if so, the action taken theron;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P K. THUNGON): (a) In the 8th Plan document, housing has been recognised as a major economic and employment sector. It has been recognised that urbanisation helps to con-tribute to the growth process at large. Keeping in view the rising contribution of housing and urban development towards country's RDP, these srctors are accorded priority in 8th Plan.

(b) The pace of growth of urban population varied from 0.35 per cent in the decade 1901—1911 to 46.14 per cent in the de6ade 1971-81. During the decade 1981-91 however, the increase in urban population was to the extent of 39.19 per cent.

(c) and (d) With the pace of in-crelase of urban population the problems of health sewerage and drinking water in urban areas have also increased . In order to improve environmental conditions prevailing in urban slums, by State Governments have been operating a scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums'. Under the scheme, amenities like water supply, open drains community blocks, community latrines, pave ment of streets, lanes and street lighting are provided. This supple* This is supplemented by Central Schemes for Urban Basic Services. In addition, Government is implementing a scheme for Integrated Deve-lopment of Small and Medium Towns from 1979-80 till 31-12-1992. 817 towns have been covered and central asste-